(West Windsor, NJ) – Rep. Rush Holt (NJ-12) today announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has awarded the Monroe Township Fire Department \$104,800 in federal funding to help train and equip the department's personnel. The fire department successfully applied for the grant through DHS's "Assistance to Firefighters Grants" (AFG) program. Every year, Holt hosts a "Fire Grant Workshop" to assist fire departments in Central New Jersey apply for grant funding.

"The Assistance to Firefighters Grants program provides direct support to fire departments seeking to improve their first responders' preparedness and ability to protect the health and safety of the public," Holt said. "I am always pleased to see local first responders obtain the funding they need to serve our communities, and am glad to see the Monroe Fire Department receive this funding."

The grant was awarded to the Monroe Fire Department through a competitive process in which applications were evaluated by experts in fire service. The award goes towards personal protective equipment, training, wellness and fitness and safety modifications to the department's facilities, as well as vehicle acquisition.

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